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TREATMENT OF DIABETES

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is a response to the Office action dated December 12, 2000. A three-month period for response was set, making a response due on or before March 12, 2001.

Please amend the claims as follows:

B² 30. (Once amended) A method for sensitizing cells of a mammal so as to enhance insulin uptake and/or utilization of glucose by the cells, comprising administering to the mammal a therapeutic amount of an insulin sensitizer with a therapeutic amount of a sulfonylurea, a biguanide, or an alpha-glucosidase inhibitor, thereby sensitizing cells of the mammal and enhancing insulin uptake and/or utilization of glucose by the cells.

B² 35. (Once amended) A composition for sensitizing cells of a mammal so as to enhance insulin uptake and/or utilization of glucose by the cells comprising:

- (a) a therapeutic amount of an insulin sensitizer; and
- (b) a therapeutic amount of a sulfonylurea, a biguanide, or an alpha-glucosidase inhibitor.

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